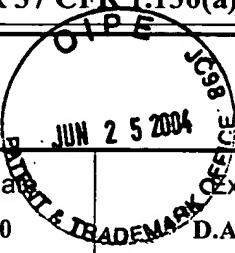


**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.
04150011AA

In Re Application Of: Yamaji



Application No.

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This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 3/2/04 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: 6/3/04 *Date* until: 7/2/04 *Date*

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	4 -	20 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2 -	3 =	0	x \$86.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$110.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$110.00

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2041

Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2041

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**PETITION FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to respond to the office action mailed March 2, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110 is attached to satisfy the petition fee. If any additional fees are required to grant the petition or to gain entry of this amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge attorney's deposit account 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson, P.C.).

In response to the Office Action mailed March 02, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are indicated by the notation "currently amended" in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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